

BRITAIN TRIES TO EVADE BLAME RAIN DAMAGES AUSTIN HAS NO PHONE SERVICE

Says Delays of Mail, Causing Complaints, Not Britain's Fault.

London, Eng., July 24.—Great Britain, in its latest note to the United States regarding American complaints relative to interference with neutral mails, seeks in every possible manner to evade responsibility for the delays and makes no promise of lightening the principal hardships which that interference causes, save to promise the more speedy censorship of mail referring to perishable shipments.

The two principal causes referred to in the present memorandum are those of the Macniff Horticultural company, of New York, and the Standard Underground Cable company, of Pittsburgh. The Macniff company complained of the loss of perishable goods, owing to the detention by the censorship of mailing documents relating thereto.

More Speedy Censorship. The British government states that when as the matter was brought to its attention it arranged to have a special mail for shipping papers which would be immediately censored, also that no delay would occur. In the case of the cable company, it is stated that "the government of the United States appeared to insist" that the delay in the mail of the cable company was directly connected with the fact that a British competitor had obtained a contract for which that company had tendered bids.

"His majesty's government," the note continues, is astonished that such an insinuation should be made, especially as the complaint from the cable company appears not to have been adequately examined.

The memorandum goes on to show in considerable detail that tenders for contracts referred to must have passed between the United States and Norway on a date prior to that upon which the censorship of Scandinavian mails began.

Claims Charges Unsubstantiated. After detailing other causes, the note continues:

"The specific complaints do not support the general charge against the efficiency of the British censorship. 'His majesty's government' will always be ready to explain in detail the working of the censorship, as there is nothing regarding it which they wish to conceal. Many complaints when examined, proved to arise from badly directed letters, the irregular sailing of neutral mail boats and other causes entirely outside the control of his majesty's government and are often due to the action of enemies."

U. S. REQUESTS EARLY AND FULL BRITISH REPLY

Washington, D. C., July 24.—Ambassadors Page and Sharp were directed today to advise the British and French foreign offices of receipt of the British memorandum on mail seizures and to press for an early and full reply to the American note dealing with the principles involved.

PRES. JARDINE LEAVES TO LECTURE AT A. & M. COLLEGE

President W. M. Jardine of the International Dry Farming congress, and A. G. Graham, county farm demonstrator of El Paso county, left Saturday night for College Station, Texas, to attend the county agents' meeting. Mr. Jardine has finished his conference with representatives here of the dry farming congress and the fall exposition which will be given under the auspices of the congress.

President Jardine stated on his departure that he fully appreciated the interest in the congress and exposition which the people of El Paso were taking. He will deliver a series of lectures at the A. & M. college. From there he will go to Estes Park, Colo., to address the association of rural writers. W. J. Drummond, chairman of the board of governors, will leave Monday night for Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma. He will be gone ten days on the trip to organize state exhibits for the fall exposition.

GRANT IS RICHEST COUNTY; PAYS MOST TAXES IN N. M.

Santa Fe, N. M., July 24.—Grant county has passed Chavez county in wealth and now is the richest county in the state. The total assessment amounting to \$24,419,819.20. The gain over last year is \$1,179,524.58. In fact, because of the special tax upon the Chino Copper company and other producing mines, Grant county pays more taxes to the state by far than any other county.

Luna county turned in an assessment to the tax commission of \$11,160,899, two-thirds of which is on railroads. The increase over last year's original \$7,649,419, but \$2,500,000 less than the valuation as finally fixed last year by the tax commission.

The Lincoln county roll shows a total valuation of \$9,309,932, which is \$408,066 more than last year. Sierra county returns \$5,617,547, an increase of \$518,489 over last year.

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Third Crop Starts; B. S. Cusey Leaves Dairy Farm; Canal Work Moving.

Anthony, N. M., July 24.—Scattered showers lately have caused some damage to the hay crop, but not near as much had the same fallen a week earlier or later. The farmers are between crops, the third crop just starting and promises to be very fine grade and large in amount. With the prevailing high prices it is not expected that the hay showered on will be sold at a low price.

Cusey Leaves Dairy Farm. B. S. Cusey has left the employ of the Dairy farm, where he has been manager for a couple of years, and with his family will leave for California shortly after Aug. 1, where he may locate or return to the valley, as he has several offers here but prefers a rest for a time. The valley has been greatly benefited by his feeding and force growing experiments which have been extensive.

Drainage Canal Advancing. The drainage canal is advancing rapidly and reached the state line road west of town. There is a four mile an hour current of water going out of it into the river and everyone has seen it is satisfied that the object for which it is being built will be obtained. Right of way for its extension north five miles is being obtained.

VINTON FARMERS GETTING HAY IN

Third Cutting is Unusually Heavy; Rain Benefits Valley Crops.

Vinton, Texas, July 24.—Weather still favors the farmer and the third cutting of alfalfa is being put up. The crop is heavy, first class in quality and is moving rapidly at an excellent price.

The valley was visited by a down-pour which was a great benefit to crops and settled the dust for a few days.

Pears are ripe, and there are a quantity on the market.

To Organize Red Cross Society.

Mrs. L. H. Brandt will entertain on Wednesday afternoon, July 26, at her home on the west side for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross society.

Mrs. J. E. Grayson was hostess to the west side embryonic club. After a busy hour, dainty refreshments were served. Those present were Mesdames H. L. Hoskinson, E. J. Hall, Tim Williams. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. E. J. Hall.

Erects Windmill and a Tank. J. L. Edson has put up a wind mill and tank on his farm on the west side.

Mrs. Dorothy Amis, from El Paso, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Veck, at Vinton.

Miss Longenecker, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. M. Longenecker, and sister, Mrs. James Mooney, motored up from Montoya and spent a day here.

Mrs. Mooney has just returned from the Philippines and Japan.

J. B. Kilpatrick, of El Paso, was a guest of L. H. Brandt at Vinton.

Miss Anna James of Vinton spent two days in El Paso.

Mrs. J. T. Hall has returned to her home in Tyrone, N. M., after two weeks' visit with her son, E. J. Hall and family.

J. J. and L. L. Mundy were at Vinton from El Paso looking after their ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. James White and children, from El Paso, are visiting Mr. White's mother, Mrs. M. E. More at Vinton.

Mrs. Abba Lynn has returned to La Mesa after a few days spent at the Kinkel home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Amis and Mrs. L. Kelly motored up the valley.

Mrs. M. R. Henley of Vinton was in El Paso for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mundy and children, James and Betty, motored down from Las Cruces and visited Mrs. E. R. James.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lowe have returned to El Paso after visiting friends at Vinton.

P. Erickson and Paul Barber were down from Las Cruces looking after the sugar beet crop which is doing fine.

HEWITT-LEAVELL MARRIAGE SURPRISES LA MESA PEOPLE

La Mesa, N. M., July 24, 1916.—A wedding which came as a complete surprise to friends of the young couple occurred in Mesilla Park when Mrs. R. T. Hewitt and Eugene Leavell of this place were united in marriage by Rev. Hunter Lewis, of the Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Leavell spent a few days in Cloudcroft and will make their home here, Mr. Leavell being a ranch owner.

The third cutting of alfalfa is being harvested and the crop promises to equal the season's other two in quality and is very heavy. Weather is favorable and so far none has been injured by showers.

The wheat crop is still being harvested. A large tonnage has been shipped this year.

Fruit still continues to come in and finds a ready market in El Paso.

Chas. Bellman, from Chicago, is visiting his brother, Sam Bellman, before going to Arizona to locate.

Chas. Ables was a business visitor in Las Cruces.

C. T. Bartlett motored into El Paso from La Mesa.

Starrs Blacksmith Shop. A new blacksmith shop has been established here under the supervision of George Pickens.

Mrs. Abba Lynn is home from Vinton, where she has spent a few days with Mrs. C. A. Kinkel.

Rev. Hunter Lewis was down from Mesilla Park and conducted services at St. John's chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hannum motored up to Las Cruces.

Chas. Hiney, of La Mesa, N. M., spent day in El Paso.

Rev. Ira Byrnes from El Paso, held services at the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Hernandez of San Miguel, were in El Paso for a day.

SIMPLE FUNERAL FOR FORMER U. S. SENATOR PATTERSON

Denver, Colo., July 24.—In compliance with his wishes, simple funeral services will be held for the late Thomas M. Patterson, former United States senator, editor, capitalist and Colorado pioneer, at 2 o'clock Tuesday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Richard C. Campbell. The Episcopal burial service will be read. Burial will be at Fairmount cemetery.

Mr. Patterson died suddenly Sunday of apoplexy.

SANTA FE WANTS REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT IN NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe, N. M., July 24.—The Santa Fe railway company asked the tax commission to reduce the assessment by \$5,247,615 from the sum of \$55,650,747, at which it had been placed. The reduction is asked because of the reduction of \$1,002,181 granted the El Paso & Southwestern, so that its assessment is \$21,879,856.

A dollar saved by buying goods produced elsewhere is a dollar thrown at your neighbor's birds.

Fire Wrecks Exchange; One Hundred Girls Have Narrow Escape.

Austin, Texas, July 24.—As a result of the \$100,000 fire which gutted one business building and wrecked the Southwestern Telephone system, the local telephone service at Austin will not be resumed for one week, according to announcement today.

Many telephone girls had a narrow escape from the telephone building when the wall of the adjoining burning building fell upon it.

MEXICAN KILLS YOUNG MAN NEAR BALMORHEA

Balmorhea, Texas, July 24.—Posses have been searching for Acosta Acosta, who is charged with shooting and killing Bert C. Boone, a popular young man of Balmorhea. Boone was shot while he and several other youths were having a chicken roast on the creek near the bridge. While they were sitting around the camp fire a shot was fired and Boone started. The boys fled for town and when passing a clump of bushes a Mexican, said to have been Acosta, jumped out with a gun and, firing at about 20 feet, killed Boone. The shot entering the youth's abdomen. The Mexican then fled.

In passing the Mexican's house several of the boys threw rocks, one of them striking the house, and the Mexican became enraged.

Sheriff Harrison was notified at Pecos and took up the trail of the Mexican.

DRIVES FROM DEMING TO RUIDOSO IN 12 HOURS

Ruidoso, N. M., July 24.—Capt. L. R. Pomeroy, adjutant of the First New Mexico Infantry, made a record drive in an automobile from Deming to Ruidoso, reaching here after 12 hours' trip. He was on his way to Roswell. His route was by way of Mesilla, Las Cruces, Alamogordo and Tularosa. He traveled in a rain after leaving Tularosa.

The run was a little over 200 miles, over mountain roads a good part of the way, raising to altitudes of 8000 to 10,000 feet.

WILL INSPECT ROAD WORK IN SOUTHERN N. M. COUNTIES

Santa Fe, N. M., July 24.—Assistant state engineer J. W. Johnson has left on an inspection tour of the projected highways in the southern part of the state. He will visit all the camps in Chaves, Lincoln and Otero counties, and touch Silver City, Las Cruces, and Deming while on the trip.

The largest convict camp ever established in New Mexico will be started in Tijeras canyon by July 27, when engineer Smythe moves north with his camp of the and joins the camp already stationed in the canyon. Then there will be fully 100 convicts in one camp.

AMARILLO CONTRACTS FOR PAVING TO COST \$50,000

Amarillo, Tex., July 24.—The city government has closed contracts with the Western Paving company for new paving to cost \$50,000. Work on Taylor street is in progress.

Permits for the erection of new residences of a value of \$20,000 have been granted within the past 10 days.

The Rock Island railroad company has contracted for the building of a new depot to replace the one recently burned.

UNIVERSITY CLUB TO DECIDE UPON NEW CLUBROOMS TONIGHT

A meeting of the university club will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the clubrooms in the Hotel Paso del Norte. It is planned to make a final decision on the plans for the proposed new clubrooms in the new Martin building on Mills and Stanton streets.

The plans will be shown to the members at this meeting and a final decision will be reached. A directors' meeting will also be held after the meeting of the members.

SANTA FE SURVEYORS AT WORK ON LUBBOCK EXTENSION

Lubbock, Tex., July 24.—Surveyors of the Santa Fe railway company are in the field, running the projected branch of the road from Lubbock through Brownfield, county seat of Terry county, southwesterly to a point near the southeast corner of Nolan county, which, so far as is known, will be the terminus at present. Right of way agents are with the surveyors.

NEW MEXICO MAN SLAIN; ALLEGED SLAYER HELD

Clayton, N. M., July 24.—N. C. Hykes, a salesman, was killed by a blow on his head at his ranch near here, and Newey Johnson has been arrested on charges resulting from the verdict of a coroner's jury. The motive for the killing has not been determined. The widow and son of the murdered man arrived here Sunday from Topeka, Kas.

EXPRESS MESSENGER HAS FOOT CRUSHED IN MCCOY ELEVATOR

While a passenger in the McCoy hotel elevator Arthur Knight had his foot crushed at 10 o'clock Monday morning, according to his mother, Mrs. M. C. Thalford, of Val Verde. Knight is employed by the Wells Fargo company and was taken to his home where he was given medical treatment.

The Railroad General Managers Claim Transportation Employees Are the Aristocracy of Labor. Are They?

The standard rates of wages per hour now paid in Chicago are as follows:

Building Employees.

Bricklayers, portable and building engineers, inside wiremen, plasterers, plumbers and gas fitters, steam fitters, slane masons, and tile layers..... 75 cents

Lathers and marble setters..... 71.5 cents

Carpenters, painters and slaters and tile roofers..... 70 cents

Elevator constructors..... 65.5 cents

Structural iron workers..... 68 cents

Composition roofers..... 65 cents

Laborers in tunnels, wells and caissons..... 57.5 cents

Laborers on windlass, trench and scaffold work..... 50 cents

Plaster laborers..... 50 cents

Composition roofer's helpers..... 35 cents

Elevator constructor's helpers and tile layers helpers..... 43.5 cents

Marble setter helpers..... 42.5 cents

Excavating laborers, hod carriers and steam fitters's helpers..... 40 cents

Railway Employees.

Locomotive engineers in Chicago railroad yards..... 44 cents

Switching foremen..... 38 cents

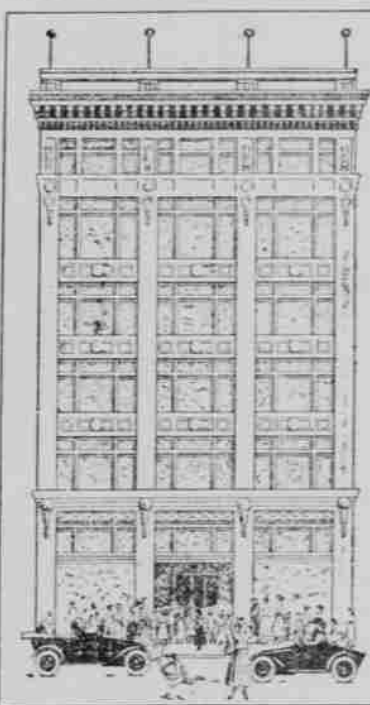
Switchmen..... 35 cents

Locomotive firemen in Chicago railroad yards..... 27 to 27.5 cents (advertisement.)

Mexican rent collections, Lee Newman—Adv.

A dollar saved by buying goods produced elsewhere is a dollar thrown at your neighbor's birds.

The Dawn of a New Era Began When The Doors of Our Six Story Annex Opened Today



THE opening of our new six story annex this morning marks the beginning of a new era in local retailing. Being the newest of Texas great commercial enterprises, "The Popular" is therefore the final word. What marvelous developments the future holds the future alone can tell, but this is certain: Human brains and skill and ingenuity are at present incapable of devising a better store than "The Popular's" New Annex, or of stocking it with choicer wares or of endowing it with a better or more comprehensive store service. Nor is this said in a spirit of boastfulness. The creating of the greater store has taken time and brains and money. Everyone who has had anything to do with the enterprise has given the best there is in him, and when the doors swung open for the first time this morning El Pasoans beheld a store which is second to none in the great Southwest. We trust that you will do us the honor of visiting the new store some time during the week.

Location Of Sections In Our New Annex

First Floor— Women's Gloves Silverware Cut Glass Ribbons Veils and Veiling Neckwear Notions Handkerchiefs Toilet Articles Leather Goods Laces and Embroideries Children's Shoes Stationery Parasols and Umbrellas Men's Furnishings	First Floor Mezzanine— Knit and Silk Underwear Hosiery	Fourth Floor— Corsets Muslin and Silk Underwear Infants' and Girls' Apparel Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	Special Notice— Our Women's Footwear Section occupies temporarily, half of the El Paso Piano Company's store, with entrance from our new annex and on Texas street.
Second Floor— This floor is reserved for our Men's and Young Men's Clothing and Furnishings Department, when they're moved from their temporary quarters across the street.	Third Floor— Dress Goods and Silks White and Colored Wash Goods Table Linens Art Needle Work Kart Patterns	Fifth Floor— Women's Ready-to-Wear Apparel	Please Remember— That our Men's Department remains for the present in its temporary quarters across the street. The Rug and Drapery Section remains in its present location—old annex—with entrance on Mesa avenue and from the annex, as does the Main Office.
Sixth Floor— Millinery Cotton Goods Household Linens Lower End, Ready-to-Wear Trunks, Bags and Suitcases			

ENTRANCES—During the razing of our old building there will be three entrances to the new annex—One on San Antonio street; one on Mesa avenue, through our Rug and Drapery Department, and one on Texas street, through the El Paso Piano Company. This will enable you to enter the New Annex from three sides without any inconvenience whatever.

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CASEMENT CAN'T APPEAL TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS

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